

MILPERSMAN 1220-260

DIVING REQUALIFICATION

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References	(a) U.S. Navy Diving Manual
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1. Policy

a. The term "diver," when used in context of requalification, refers to personnel designated in the Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) codes and Officer Designators listed in the table below.

b. Standards for requalification.

Designation	NEC/Officer Designator	Perform Dives
Master Diver	5341	4
Diver First Class	5342	4
UCT Diver, Advanced (includes Saturation HMs)	5931	4
Diver Second Class	5343	4
UCT Diver, Basic	5932	4
Deep Sea Medical Technician	8493	4
Deep Sea Medical Technician (IDC)	8494	4
Scuba Diver	5344/5345	4
FMF Reconnaissance HM (IDC)	8403	4
FMF Reconnaissance HM	8427	4
EOD	533X	4
Special Warfare Combatant Swimmers	532X	4
Diving Officer		4
SEAL Officer	113X, 118X, 615X, 715X	4
EOD Officer	114X, 119X, 648X, 748X	4

NOTES:

1. All dives shall be conducted per reference (a).
2. Divers completing a saturation dive shall be qualified for the following 6-month period.
3. No more than two requalification dives may be performed in a hyperbaric chamber.
4. Dives should be completed per Command Required Operational Capabilities and Projected Operational Environment (ROC/POE) or Mission Essential Task List (METL).

c. Diving qualification extends for a period of 6 months. When standards established in the table listed in paragraph 1b are conducted within the period of previous qualification, the member will be considered qualified for a 6-month period commencing at the lapse date of previous qualification.

d. If requalification dives are conducted within 1 year of the date the previous qualification lapsed, the diver shall be considered qualified for a 6-month period extending from the date requalification is accomplished.

2. Requalification Period

a. The 6-month requalification period is waived for diving personnel injured in the line of diving or related duties including involvement as experimental divers or test subjects for approved protocols. They shall be considered qualified with an indefinite lapse date and are entitled to diving pay. Requalification must be completed within 60 days after being returned to full diving duty.

b. Personnel deemed Not Physically Qualified (NPQ) as a result of injuries sustained in the line of diving or related duties may apply for Supervisor Status/Non-diving. Waiver of NEC and/or paygrade restrictions may be requested in conjunction and in support of such designation.

c. Personnel approved for Supervisor Status/Non-diving and assigned to a diving NEC billet shall have a qualification lapse date of "indefinite." Personnel not approved for designation will be made available for assignment to billets not requiring a diving-related NEC.

3. **Lapses Over 1 Year.** If diving qualification has lapsed for more than 1 year, but less than 3 years, the diver may perform the required requalification dives after successfully completing the physical screening test described in MILPERSMAN 1220-100, Exhibit 1, and commanding officer's approval. The diver shall be considered qualified for a 6-month period from the date requalification is accomplished.

4. **Lapses Over 3 Years.** When the member's diving qualification has lapsed for more than 3 years, the diver must successfully complete the physical screening test described in MILPERSMAN 1220-100, Exhibit 1, and successfully retake the following portions of the diving course that would bestow the diving qualification desired: All classroom

a. portions relating to diving physics and/or general diving procedures,

b. portions relating to diving medicine,

c. practical portions relating to recompression chamber operations, and

d. practical portions relating to diving equipment in which the individual has not been previously trained (may be taken from courses other than that which bestows desired qualifications).

5. **Diver Qualifications and Requalifications**

a. Diving requalifications will be recorded using the following sample format and made a permanent part of the member's training record by filing with NAVPERS 1070/604 (Rev. (3-05), Enlisted Qualifications History.

DIVER QUALIFICATION/REQUALIFICATIONS CHART

DATE OF ENTRY	DIVER'S RATE	LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION	DEPTH ALLOWED	NEC/ NOBC	NEW LAPSE DATE	DIVER'S COMMAND	INIT

b. Instructions for completing Diver Qualifications/
Requalifications Chart.

(1) **Date of Entry:** Enter the date the training record
entry was made.

(2) **Diver's Rank/Rate:** Enter the rank/rate of the diver
at the time of the requalification dives.

(3) **Level of Qualification:** Enter the level of
qualification to which the diver is **requalifying**, not the level

of dive completed. Example: If a saturation diver requalified using SCUBA, record "Saturation" in the block.

(4) **Depth Allowed:** Enter the depth to which the diver is **authorized** to dive, not the depth of the qualification dive. Example: If a saturation diver requalified using SCUBA at a depth of 40 feet, record the depth qualified for a saturation diver (i.e., 850 feet).

(5) **New Lapse Date:** Enter the date the diver will next lapse in dive qualification. This date should be specified by the command making the training record entry.

(6) **Diver's Command:** Enter the command where the diver is assigned. This should be the command making the training record entry.

(7) **Initial:** The individual making the training record entry should initial in this block.